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Final Vote Later This Year

Council Of Churches May Admit UFMCC

The governing board of the National Council of Churches discussed admitting the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches to the NCC during its recent meeting in San Francisco. The Rev. Nancy Wilson, a spokesperson for UFMCC, said May 11 she knew it would be an "uphill battle" that will take time to win.

"We did not come with the expectation we would be admitted this year or even this triennium," a three-year church period that ends in December 1984, Wilson said.

Most of the first two days of the meeting were spent discussing the application of MCC to join the 32-year-old council, which represents over 40 million churchgoers and has an annual budget of more than $40 million for relief profects and other church work.

There has been vociferous argument both for and against allowing MCC to join the council.

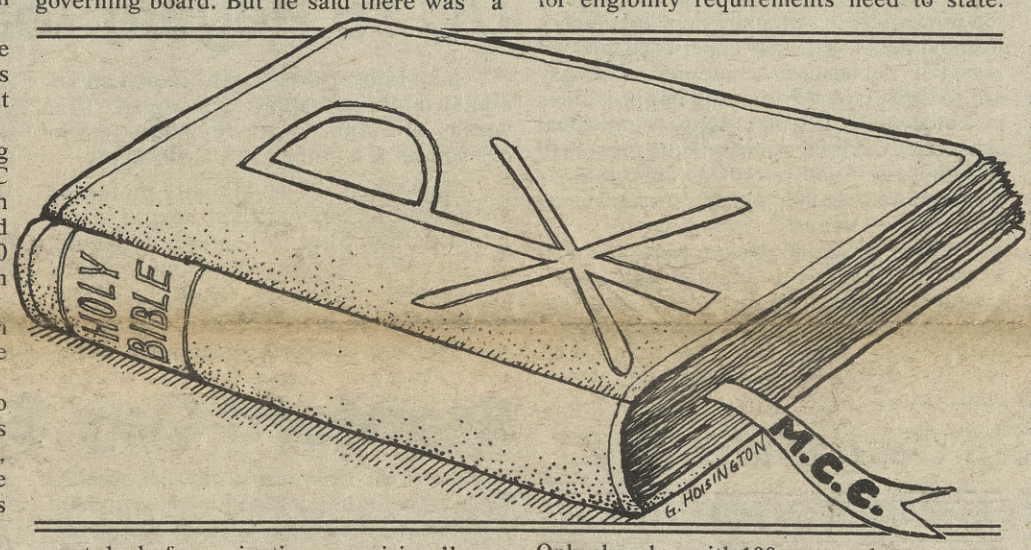
"We have no illusions that it's going to happen overnight or that membership is around the corner," the Rev. Wilson said, adding, that she was "impressed with the seriousness" with which the board is considering the question.

UFMCC has 30,000 members in nine countries. Church leaders said 85 percent of the ministers are gay and that 75 percent of them were ministers in traditional churches before joining the Metropolitan clergy.

Both the Rev. Wilson and the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the 15-year-old denomination, said they had no intention of giving up the fight even if the council denies them membership at the first of two votes on the question in November.

"If we're not admitted to the NCCC, it just means we come back again and again and again," Perry said.

Methodist Bishop James Armstrong, president of the NCCC, declined to characterize sentiment of the 260 members of the governing board. But he said there was "a great deal of conscientious agonizing."



Some churches, including Baptists and some Orthodox denominations, have threatened to withdraw from the council if UFMCC is admitted, because they perceive it as a "homosexual church." The possibility of such an exodus "concerns us terribly," Armstrong said.

Those opponents say the Bible and Christian tradition oppose homosexuality. Some supporters say it is hypocritical to impose a set of eligibility standards, which a council committee has said the UFMCC meet, and then deny admittance on grounds never applied to any other churches.

"If we are going to use (sexuality) as an organizing principle, then our determination for eligibility requirements need to state: Only churches with 100 percent heterosexual membership need apply," Valerie L. Ford, executive director of the Boulder Council of Churches and Synagogues in Colorado told her fellow board members.

"When justice is forfeited for the sake of unity, we settle for a watered-down unity that no longer has the taste of vintage wine," she said. "To be just, we don't bring in new rules at the last minute."

The Rev. Susan Turlev-Moore of the Swedenborgian Church in Newton, Mass., told the board members that many human acts were mentioned as sins in the Bible far more often than homosexuality: "If the amount of attention has any correlation to seriousness of offense, the consumers of pork are in a lot more trouble than homosexuals," she said.

At a morning session befor the board, the Rev. Wilson called her appearance a "historic" occasion that would have resulted in her being burned at the stake or cast out of the church at any other time in church history.

The Rev. James Sandmire, who leads a Metropolitan Community Church in San Francisco, told the council members that they might need his church more than his church needs them. "Scores of lay people, and yes, clergy from your denominations" seek counseling from the gay ministers each year "because they are afraid to go to you."

The MCC, he said, is "not a church for gay people. The only reason gay people come to this church is they can't come to yours and be themselves."

The morning discussion contrasted with the debate of the night before, in which the question of admission drew more opposition than support.

"The constituency of the (Greek) Orthodox Church would not accept being part of an organization that includes the UFMCC," said the Rev. Alexander Doumouras. "And this would include both the clergy and the laity of our church."

The Rev. Cecil Murray of the African Methodist Church said the admission of a homosexual church would further threaten the black family. ★

State Senate Passes Bill To Ban Anti-Religious Terrorism

Legislation to make it a crime to make terrorist threats against churches and synagogues was approved May 9 by the State Senate.

Senate Bill 780 by Senator Ed Royce (R-Orange County) would make it a felony, punishable by 16 months, two or three years in prison, to threaten the safety of a place of worship or the safety of a person attending services there.

"What we're talking about here is the fundamental right of freedom of religion," stated Royce. "Our Constitution protects religious freedom—our laws should protect worshippers from being intimidated and terrorized by those persons who would destroy this freedom.

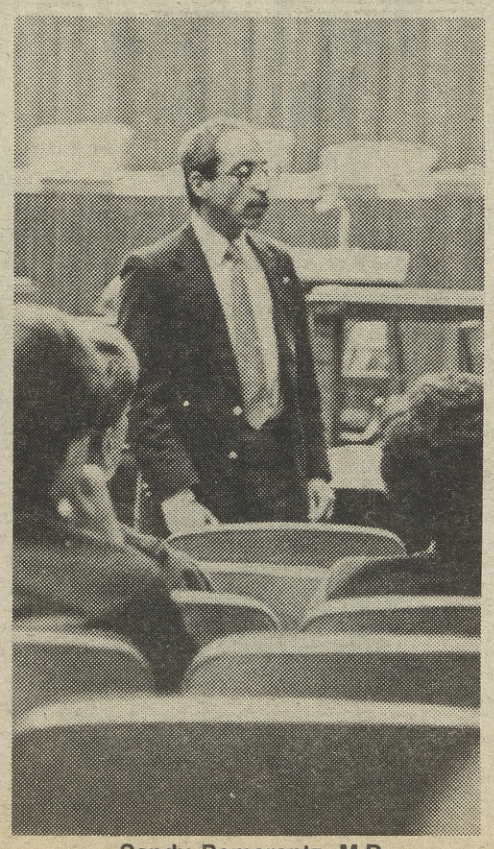
"This measure closes a dangerous loophole in current law which has prevented the prosecution of terrorists who threaten to harm worshippers or destroy places of worship," said Royce. "As it stands now, the State Supreme Court has invalidated the only law on the books to prosecute these criminals."

Royce noted that his bill evolved out of a case where an avowed Nazi had threatened the destruction of Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo County if its members went ahead with Hanukkah ceremonies. The threats deterred many worshippers from attending the traditional observances last year. The man who made the threats was apprehended but could not be prosecuted because of the State Supreme Court Decision in the case of *People v. Mirmirani* (1981).

"Senate Bill 780 will help ensure that Californians can be free to worship, as they choose, without being fearful for their lives and safety," concluded Royce.

Senate Bill 780, which passed the Senate unanimously, is supported by numerous religious and law enforcement organizations. The bill now goes to the Assembly.

SB780 is of importance to Metropolitan Community Church and other predominantly gay and lesbian congregations, which have frequently been the objects of threats and attacks. Although most such incidents have not occurred in California, some have, and the law will provide them a degree of protection against them. ★



Sandy Pomerantz, M.D.

AIDS Forum Draws Meager Crowd, But Good Speakers

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

At most, 75 people turned out May 7 for the second public forum on AIDS: Implications for Lifestyle.

As one of the hosts, Sandy Pomerantz, M.D., remarked, it would be nice to think that everyone had got the message at the first forum and so did not need to come out for the second one.

But it is far more likely that, as panelist Martin Rogers, Ph.D., pointed out, people did not come because they are fearful and threatened by the AIDS crisis. They choose to deny the problem instead of learning ways to combat and cope with it.

The forum, jointly sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation and the American Cancer Society, began with a review of the current medical knowledge about AIDS.

Dr. Pomerantz dismissed several recent news reports that suggested AIDS might be contagious through casual con-

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Gay Academic Union Seeks Papers For 9th Convention

The Gay Academuc Union, Inc. will hold its Ninth National Conference in San Diego during the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25-27, 1983.

The San Diego Chapter of GAU, which is hosting the GAU9 conference, has issued a call for papers to be presented in lectures, panel discussions, seminars and workshops during the three-day event.

The subject areas for which formal presentations are being invited include:

- Arts (visual, film, theater, music, dance)
- Behaviorial Sciences (anthropology, sociology, psychology)
- Business and Economics
- Communication and Mass Media
- Education, Student Activities and Campus Life
- History
- Law, Civil Rights and Political Science
- Library Science and Archives
- Literature
- Mental Health and Personal Growth
- Physical Health and Wellness
- Religion, Spirituality and Philosophy
- Women's Issues

Proposals for formal research presentations, roundtable discussions, performances and workshops should be sent to GAU in the form of abstracts of 300 to 500 words. All potential presenters are also asked to submit biographical data sheets with their abstracts. They should be mailed to GAU9 Program Committee, P.O. Box 82123, San Diego, CA 92138.

The biographical data should include the presenter's name with an address and phone number where he or she can be reached during July and August; academic affiliation, if any; title of the proposed presentation; educational background or practical experience; areas of research or skills; previous publications, presentations or performances related to the program proposal; and an indication of special needs such as audio-visual equipment, special room size, etc.

Proposals submitted by July 1, 1983 will be assured of consideration in the scheduling of the converence. Proposals submitted after July 1 will be considered if space on the program is available.

Each session during the conference will last 90 minutes, but may include more than one presenter. Proposals will be evaluated by specialists in each of the various fields.

Persons submitting proposals will be contacted in August as to the acceptance of their proposals.

Past national conferences of GAU have drawn between 300 and 600 participants. This will be the first year the national conference has been held in San Deigo. Previous conferences were held in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

The Gay Academic Union was founded in March 1973 in New York and has grown to include a dozen chapters and 1100 dues-paying members. It is a national organization of gay academics, college level students, professional people and others interested in the development of gay scholarship, gay art and gay educational outreach.

The stated purposes of GAU are to oppose discrimination against gays and women in academia and work toward greater job security and advancement in academia and the professions, to promote new approaches to understanding the gay experience through research, publications, conferences and gay art, to encourage the teaching of gay studies in schools and colleges, to support individual academics and professionals in the process of "coming out," and to provide opportunities for members to gather together to share ideas and experiences.

The Gay Academic Union awards annual $1,000 scholarships to graduate and undergraduate gay and lesbian students judged to have the potential for making significant contributions in research, teaching, community service, or in scientific or artistic endeavor.



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Batter Up!

The Parking Lot Attendants at one of their recent home games. Standing (left to right): Gary Belcher, manager Bob Solomon, Doc, Ken, Val Fernandez, Jim, Will Greene. Kneeling (left to right): Larry, BJ, Mark Vandervelden, Mike.

Asian-American Lesbian Sues UC To Regain Teaching Post

A self-described Asian-American socialist feminist lesbian is suing the University of California for reinstatement in her job as a lecturer at UC Berkeley.

Merle Woo, 41, said faculty members are forced to conceal their sexual orientation if they want to continue teaching. "I can't think of more than four lesbians or gay men (on the UC faculty) who are out of the closet," she said.

Woo was the first person whose contract was not renewed under a 1980 university regulation that says lecturers who have not been granted tenure after four years must not be rehired. Before 1980, the period was eight years.

Earlier, Woo was ordered reinstated by the Public Employees Relations Board, which decided that the rule was an unfair labor practice when she challenged it. However, the university is appealing that decision.*

Stanford Gay Scholarship

Stanford University has accepted a $2040 scholarship donated by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford. The scholarship will be awarded to a medical student "who has shown a committment to serving the gay community."

The university has several times turned down a $500 scholarship offered by a physician from Jacksonville, Fla., fora person who "manifests same gender affinity." It refused on the grounds that it could not invade an applicant's privacy by asking for a declaration of sexual orientation.

Stanford said that 35 people contributed to the scholarship, including members of the recently organized Stanford Gay and Lesbian Alumni Club in San Francisco.*

Symposium On STDs Cancelled, Try Lesbian/Gay Health Conference In Denver, Organizers Suggest

Due to a limited number of abstract submissions, the Current Aspects of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Symposium—III (CASTDS), scheduled for August 4, 1983 in Seattle, Washington, had to be cancelled.

The National Coalition of Gay Sexually Transmitted Disease Services, Sponsors of CASTDS, encourages individuals to attend the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights' (AAPHR) Annual Symposium, which will be held in conjunction with the Fifth National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference, June 9-12 in Denver, Colorado, or the Fifth International Meeting of the International Society for STD Research, August 1-3 in Seattle, Washington.

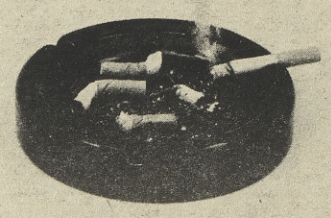
AAPHR's Symposium will include current state of medical and scientific aspects of AIDS, hepatitis B, and the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, STDs, gay coupling, lesbian health, and sexual ethics. For additional information, contact Dr. Brett Cassens, MD, 327 S. Camac St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215/545-1071).

The FNLGHC's agenda will address other gay/lesbian physical and mental health issues. For additional information about the FNLGHC, or for specific registration/lodging forms for both the Symposium and the Conference, write to : FNLGHC, 5938 Chabot, Oakland, CA 94618 (Dan Pfeffer, 714/494-0293 or Fran Miller, 415/653-3724).

The Second National AIDS Forum will also take place during this time, and will bring together AIDS care providers and decision makers and will focus on the medical, psychological, social, and political aspects of AIDS.

The Fifth International Meeting is designed to encompass the epidemiology, biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of STDs. For more information or registration forms, contact: Susan Kaetz, 325 9th Av. (ZA-89), Seattle, WA 98104. A Centers for Disease Control (VD Control Division) Clinical Update will precede the Meeting on July 31st.

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Pam Schaffer's play "Frontline" opens June 3 at the 24th Street Theatre. Playing three WACs accused of lesbianism in the days following World War II are (left to right) Pam Piccione, Heather Lynn Wilson, and Barbara Wezelman. Advance tickets are available at Tower Tickets and Lioness Books, $5-$7.

Play About WAC Witch-hunts Opens June 3 With Pat Bond As Guest

Sacramento playwright Pam Schaffer's "Frontline," a play about the lesbian "witch-hunts" in the military during the late 1940s, will be performed at the 24th Street Theatre the first two weekends in June.

"Frontline" is the story of four enlistees in the WACs who are accused of inversion, arrested, and incarcerated.

Pat Bond, from the award-winning documentary "Word Is Out" and the hit play "Gertie Gertie Stein Is Back Back Back," will be the guest of honor at the opening night festivities June 3. She will share her personal experiences in the WACs.

"Frontline" will play at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 9-11. The 24th Street Theatre is part of the Sierra II Community Center, 24th Street and Castro Way.

Tickets for "Frontline" are $5-$7 sliding scale, except for opening night when the prices are $6-$9. Tickets are available from Tower Posters and Lioness Books, and will also be sold at the door.

The performances on June 3 and June 10 will be benefits for the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Sacramento Women's Center. These causes will get $1 from each ticket on those nights. ⋆

US Says Big Law Firms May Not Use Sex As Basis For Promotion To Partnership

The Justice Department and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission told the Supreme Court May 11 that major law firms may not discriminate on the basis of sex in choosing partners, according to an Associated Press Report.

The court's decision could affect every law firm in the nation employing more than 15 lawyers and might apply as well to large investment brokerage and accounting firms which are organized as partnerships.

In a friend-of-the-court brief, the department and the commission urged the high court to overturn an appellate court decision which held that partnerships are voluntary associations not covered by the anti-discrimination provisions of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The case was brought by Elizabeth A. Hishon after she was denied a partnership in the Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding in May 1978. She had served as an associate with the firm for five years at that time.

As a result of the firm's "up or out" policy, when Hishon failed to become a partner, her employment as an associate was ended in December 1979.

She sued King & Spalding, charging that she had been denied a partnership on the basis of sex discrimination and sought back pay and compensatory damages instead of being granted a partnership. A U.S. district court dismissed the suit and was upheld by a divided appellate court.

On Jan. 24, the Supreme Court agreed to hear arguments in the case during its next term, which begins in October.

King & Spalding has argued that since law firms are partnerships they should not be covered by the civil rights law, which exempts such private voluntary associations as private clubs.

But the Justice Department and the employment commission argued, "The plain language of Title VII prohibits employers-including law firms—from treating male employees better than equally qualified female employees.

"Whatever the status of partners under Title VII, it is undisputed that a law firm's associates are its employees," the government's brief said. "Therefore, the terms of Title VII prohibit a law firm from discriminating among its associates on the basis of sex when it considers them for advancement, including advancement to partnership."

Title VII outlaws discrimination by an employer against any individual with respect to "compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment."

The government brief said it did not matter whether the partners themselves were owners or employees of the firm.

"The opportunity to become a partner is crucial to a young lawyer's decision whether to accept employment as an associate with a firm that recruits partners from among its associates," the government brief said.

"In view of the pervasive influence that the opportunity to become a partner has on the associate's choice of a firm, the firm's ability to recruit associates, and the associates' working lives, it is difficult to imagine a more obvious aspect of "compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment'"

The government also argued that Congress made clear in enacting the law that it did not intend to exempt large partnerships from its coverage. The government noted that the law specifically exempts private-membership clubs, religious corporations and employers with fewer than 15 employees, but does not exempt partnerships as such. ⋆

Sacramento Women's Center Gets Grant For Women Changing Direction Program

The Sacramento Women's Center has received community services block grant funding for a program of services to assist women and their children who are facing a dislocating life crisis. The project, Women Changing Direction, is located in the new Sacramento Women's Center at 2224 J Street.

Developed by a coalition of organizations, the project will work with women who are being dislocated because of job loss, eviction, change in marital or relationship status, a reduction of benefits, or the loss of safety in the woman's home environment.

Women Changing Direction will assist low income women who are working to gain control of their lives. The project will provide assistance in identifying community services that can help a woman in crisis. Through counseling, goal setting, and financial planning, the participant will work to identify solutions to the problems that led to the dislocation.

Emergency assistance may include housing, food and clothing, child care and transportation. Volunteers will be recruited to assist with short-term housing and peer counseling. A loan program will assist qualified women with some relocation costs. Workshops on how to deal with stress, how to handle money and how to set personal goals will be conducted.

Serving on the advisory board of Women Changing Direction are representatives from Child Action, Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission, Sacramento County Welfare Department, Sacramento Rape Crisis Center, Women's Employment Services and Training, and Women's Stress Alternatives.

The philosophy of the Sacramento Women's Center is to help women help themselves. The services of Women Changing Direction focus on providing women with the support and resources to take control of their environment, set meaningful, measurable and attainable goals, gain personal independence and be better able to reach their maximum potential.

For more information and to volunteer your assistance contact Women Changing Direction at 444-8050. ⋆

National Gay Rights Bill Has New Record Of 63 Co-sponsors

Co-sponsorship of the House of Representatives' gay and lesbian civil rights bill, H.R. 427, has now reached a record level of 63 according to Gay Rights National Lobby, the primary lobbying group for the legislation. The chief sponsors of the bill are Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA).

The record co-sponsorship came as no surprise, according to Steven Endean, Executive Director of GRNL. Endean also serves as Treasurer of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"The re-election of every co-sponsor (who ran) from last session, the elections pledged coming from GRNL's Constituent Lobby or Candidates program, and the help the Campaign Fund gave in key races all pointed to us reaching a record level this session."

Earlier projections had indicated the House co-sponsorship could eventually hit 80-85 members, but informed Capitol Hill sources note that the death of Rep. Phil Burton, an influential gay civil rights supporter who had pledged to help gain co-sponsors, could make it difficult to reach those numbers this year. ⋆

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Valley Knights' Fete Brings Many Friends

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club of Sacramento celebrated its seventh anniversary on Saturday, May 7. About 75 people gathered at the 20th Street parking lot for bike and people events, and then mobbed the Broadway Ltd. for a free buffet and beer.

The Border Riders of San Francisco, Knights of Malta-Reno, Leather and Lace of both Davis and Sacramento, the Amazons, the Petaluma Cocks, and Dykes on Bikes all sent representatives, as did the courts of both Sacramento and Stockton.

People events included a sailboat race in a portable puddle, a backwards beanbag toss, and the Suck-Em-Up — all the usual biker amusements. Ed, an independent, took first place, followed by Mike (Valley Knights) and Danny (independent).

Motorcycle tennis, a blindfold ride with a water pitcher, and lion posting (the logo of the Knights) were the buddy events. Leather and Lace's B.J. was top in the division, over Ryder, now an independent, and the Amazons' Jackie.

Riders showed off in control events. They wove the line, posted lions, and hated the "Anniversary 7," which required them to enter an eight-foot box from a curved ramp, rotate and break out down Paper Cup Alley. Penalties were assessed for every imaginable offense. Dan (independent) won, Mike (VKMC) placed, and Ryder (independent) showed ★

High School Teacher Suspended After Gay Youth Reports 4-Month-Old Sex Incident

The chairperson of Hiram Johnson High School's foreign language department was suspended without pay May 10 following his arrest on sex-related charges.

Daniel Desiderio Elias, 48, was booked May 9 on charges of oral copulation and sodomy with a 17-year-old male.

The incident, involving a youth who is "admittedly gay," occurred Jan. 8, said Lt. Dave Goodman of the Sheriff's Department.

According to Goodman, Elias and the student had developed a friendship and the teacher invited him to dinner.

On the second dinner meeting, the pair returned to Elias' condominium, where they had sex, Goodman said.

"The boy said he probably wouldn't have reported it if he hadn't felt Mr. Elias was in a position of public trust," Goodman said.

Elias' attorney, Mark Millard, said, "We unequivocally believe the charges are false. Whenever a teacher is willing to meet the kids after school and do more than the normal nine-to-five, they leave themselves open to accusation."

After being released on $5,000 Elias returned to work the day after his arrest. He was in his classroom when Principal Larry Willet notified him of his suspension during a lunch break. As Elias began gathering his materials, he asked time to make lesson plans for a substitute.

The California Education Code requires a teacher accused of a sex or drug offense to be suspended. ★

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SHANTI Project Slates All-Day Seminar On AIDS Responses For Religious Workers In The City

The Shanti Project of San Francisco will hold a conference on Wednesday, June 1, for clergy, religious educators, layworkers and others. The event, dealing with the sensitive issues relating to AIDS (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome), will be held at the Pride Foundation Chapel, 890 Hayes Street.

The workshop will feature keynote speakers Dr. Paul Volberding of the San Francisco General Hospital AIDS Clinic and Dr. Kevin Gordon of the University of California, San Francisco. An additional guest participant will be the Rev. Jane Spahr of the United Presbyterian Church (USA).

It is likely that over 50 percent of Protestant America will have personal contact with people exposed to AIDS, over the next two years," said Committee member Mary Gaddis, National Spokesperson for Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns.

"For this reason this event anticipates the needs of Gay/Lesbian religious groups in the San Francisco area."

A panel of patients, friends and lovers involved with AIDS, and small groups led by patients and counselors will also take part in the workshop. The day-long event will close with a celebrative and commemorative worship experience.

The Shanti Project acknowledges the work of several major religious groups in the United States who are struggling with issues related to AIDS education and research. "AIDS: A Workshop For Religious Outreach," is a response to this and the growing need for a more informed and sensitive response from religious groups to people involved with the growing epidemic. ★

Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation Launches Hand To Hand Counselling Project For Patients And Loved Ones

The Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation has announced the opening of one of its most important projects, the Hand to Hand Project. The Hand to Hand Project offers free counseling and emotional support for AIDS patients and their significant others, as well as bereavement counseling.

AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) is a set of diseases that are due to a state of immune deficiency which impairs the ability of the body to suppress disease-causing organisms and certain kinds of cancer cells. As yet, there is no cure for AIDS, and no way to deal effectively with the most serious AIDS diseases, including Kaposi's Sarcoma, Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP), atypical tuberculosis, and widespread fungal infections.

The Counselors for the Hand to Hand Project are carefully matched on a one-to-one basis with persons who have AIDS and/or their loved ones. Counselors provide emotional support and special friendship, and meet regularly with their "friends" at a mutually convenient time and place, often in the home. Each Hand to Hand Counselor is available to his/her friend on a long-term basis.

The Hand to Hand Counselors are special, caring people who have been carefully selected for this project. They have received over 40 hours of intensive training based on the principles of San Francisco's Shanti project, which was one of the first counseling projects for AIDS patients in the country. In addition to intensive screening and training, the Hand to Hand Counselors receive ongoing supervision from Elizabeth Harrison, M.D., Vice Chair and Patient Services Coordinator of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation, and Jackson Peyton, Volunteer Coordinator of the Hand to Hand Project.

According to Dr. Harrison, "Many of these counselors have undergone profound personal loss. They know the prospect of death can be frightening and that pain and grief can be overwhelming. They understand how the caring presence of another person can relieve some of the stress and create emotional strength to cope with sorrow. They often bring important strengths to the Hand to Hand Project from their involvement in other helping professions and projects."

Persons who have AIDS, and their loved ones, are encouraged to call the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation at 448-AIDS or visit the office at 2115 J Street, Suite 3, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those who are interested in receiving the special services of the Hand to Hand Project will be interviewed and matched with the counselor who best suits their needs.

New volunteers for the Hand to Hand Project will be selected and trained every six months. Those persons who are interested in becoming a Hand to Hand Counselor should also contact the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation office.

All services of the Hand to Hand Project are free. They are made possible by the individuals and organizations who have made contributions to the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation ★

AIDS Forum Attracts Few People

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tact. "There is no evidence of casual transmission," he said.

The tone of one report in particular, which referred to "homosexuality and other aberrant lifestyles," caused him to remark that "the state of medical science is less scientific than we'd like to believe." Homophobia, he said, influences the design of research and thus colors its results.

His remarks were carried further by Jeff Richards of the National Gay Health Education Foundation. Richards pointed out the racist as well as homophobic aspects of professional and public attitudes toward AIDS.

"If 'we' get it from 'them,'" he said, "then 'they' already have it and haven't been investigated or treated. Nobody worried about it till us 'white folks' got it" and as long as it is primarily gay men who have it, nobody is going to worry too much about it.

The two major aspects of AIDS are Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) and opportunistic infections (OIs), such as Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) and various heretofore esoteric fungal infections.

Among gay men, about one-third of those affected by AIDS have KS, while about two-thirds have opportunistic infections. OIs afflict about 90 percent of non-gay AIDS patients; few have KS.

Harvey Thompson, M.D., co-host of the forum, pointed out in response to a question that the agents causing opportunistic infections are already in the body, but are normally prevented by the immune system from doing any harm. When the immune system is weakened or destroyed, these agents seize the opportunity to go to work.

Because the agents causing OIs are already in the body, *reverse isolation* (that is, isolating the patient for his own protection from outside sources of infection) is not recommended as part of the treatment for AIDS, said Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Pomerantz discussed the current diagnostic status for AIDS, pointing out that there are no sure tests. Two tests, he said, when used together, would be good indicators of AIDS in a patient. These are the alpha-1 thymus test and the beta-2 microglobulin test. Neither is available now outside of research labs. It is estimated that they could be developed for general use, and would cost the patient about $15.

Following the medical presentation, several panelists spoke on "Risk Reduction and Impact on Gay Lifestyles."

Dr. Marty Rogers, who leads the Wednesday evening groups for "the worried well" sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation, talked about the importance of humor in dealing with fear and anxiety.

He described how some people "obsess about AIDS and try to recall all their former sex partners. They assign each one a sleaze value and develop a probability factor for contracting the disease."

Rogers said, "We must draw on our reserves of humor. Laughter may not make us immune to AIDS, but it may well keep us sane."

Also addressing the need for releasing tension and minimizing stress while taking reasonable precautions, Jeff Richards told the group that everyone has to strike a balance between risk reduction and quality of life. He cited as extremes two friends. One moved from San Francisco to Fresno, and the other now serves his guests tea in disposable cups.

If one can judge from the pink section of The Advocate, he said, "Telephone sex, video reruns of *The Boys of Venice*, and J/O parties are the wave of the future. Have lots of sex, especially with yourself."

On a more serious note, Richards commented that "When we get gay and gay-sensitive researchers working on the problem, we may get some conclusions that make sense."

Other speakers included Carmen, an AIDS patient from San Francisco; Dr. Cliff Morrison, coordinator of the AIDS project at San Francisco General Hospital; Greg Gorges, Chair of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation; and Jackson Peyton, coordinator of the Hand to Hand Program of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation. ★

Gay Men's Group Will Start June 2

Bruce Gunn and Ed Hall have announced the formation of an ongoing support group for gay men. It will initially meet for six Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., beginning June 2 and ending July 7.

The group will be unstructured and participants will bring their own issues to it. Gunn and Hall anticipate such topics as Gay Male Relationships, Self-esteem, Relating to the Straight World, and so on.

Participants will be asked to sign up for six weeks with the option to continue if they choose. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, and will cost $90 for six weeks. Checks may be made payable to Ed Hall, and mailed to him at 2222 Watt Ave., Suite B14, Sacramento, CA 95825.

For more information, call Bruce Gunn at 443-7171 or Ed Hall at 484-1212. ★

FEATURE

Agent Delta: An AIDS Scenario

Editor's Note: As Dr. Thompson notes in his Epilogue, some of the basic elements of this "medical science fiction" are historical facts, but his story is strictly fictional. It is not only a satire of the conspiracy mentality that affects so many people in contemporary society and an attempt to bring some perhaps therapeutic levity into a grave medical situation; it is also a look at institutionalized racism, sexism, and imperialism. "I don't want to cause any paranoia," Dr. Thompson says. "Some people take me too seriously."

Fiction by HARVEY THOMPSON, M.D.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—New York gays had vacationed in Haiti for years. Charlie thought maybe Haitians were more open-minded, because they were French instead of Spanish like the Dominican Republic next door or English like the Jamaicans.

It was common knowledge that one could get young Hatian hustlers like Charlie off the beaches of Port-au-Prince for a drink and a U.S. ten-dollar bill. It had become such a popular vacation spot that by the late 1970s there were all-gay cruises to Haiti each winter.

SVERDLOVSKI, USSR—In 1977, there was an explosion at a top-secret Russian laboratory in Sverdlovski that contaminated the surrounding countryside. An epidemic of anthrax broke out a few weeks later; the U.S. asked for an explanation.

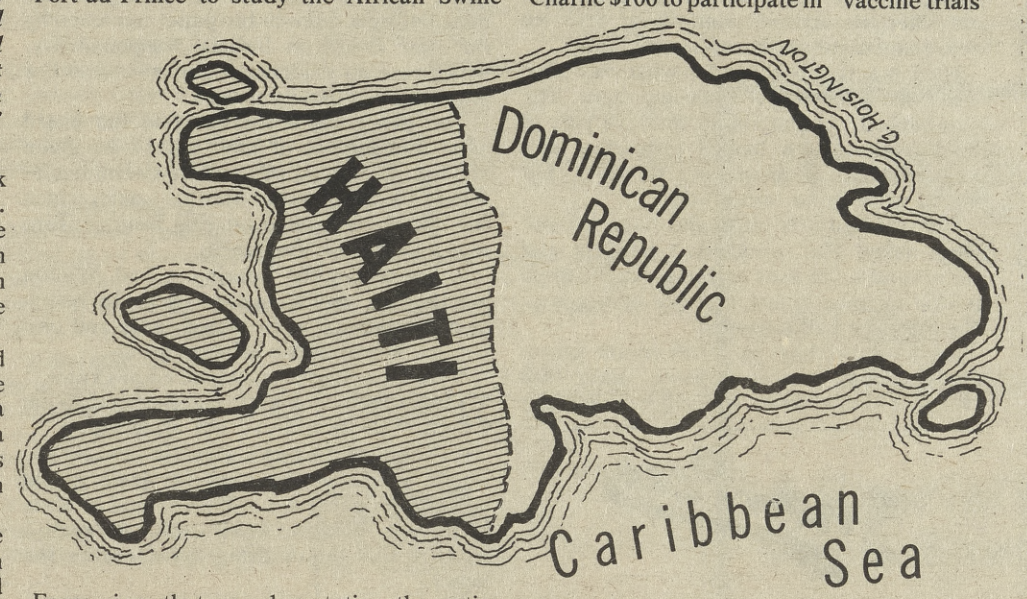
WASHINGTON, D.C.—In 1978, the U.S. Department of Defense permitted the recombinant DNA cloning of Pseudomonas exotoxin by the biological warfare section. It was no secret that the U.S. was loosening up on the Biological Weapons Convention of 1975. The following year, the Congressional Record listed bacterial toxins under study as botulism, anthrax, cholera, and diphtheria.

But the real interest was in viruses. They were much more difficult to detect and easier to transmit. Anyway, the Biological Weapons Convention never actually barred research into possible agents, just their development.

ATLANTA—In 1979, the national Center for Disease Control received a few reports of a mysterious "delta agent" from Brazil that turned an ordinary virus like hepatitis-B into a killer. The combination was deadly; more than half the victims had died in the Brazilian epidemic.

Delta agent had never been isolated but could only be detected by a complex antibody test in a research lab. It seemed to be a sub-viral particle. By 1980, though, delta agent had been transmitted into chimpanzees (Journal of Infectious Diseases, 1980: 141; 590-602).

PORT-AU-PRINCE—In 1979, the U.S. Public Health Department opened its office in Port-au-Prince to study the African Swine Fever virus that was devastating the entire pig population of H aiti. With Cuba only 20 miles away, there was concern that the USSR was backing Castro with biological warfare aimed at creating economic and social unrest in Haiti.



Security was tightened when they began investigating the second major epidemic that year: the Brazilian "killer hepatitis." In fact, when the delta agent was finally discovered, the message went straight to the Surgeon General's Office, stamped "TOP SECRET: For His Eyes Only!"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—C. Everett Koop was appointed Surgeon General by President Ronald Reagan in 1980. Just the year before, he had warned that gay rights would lead to the production of "100,000 homosexual and lesbian test-tube babies to give the gay movement more political clout."

A few gay leaders took him seriously enough to wonder about his mental stability and began calling him "Dr. Kook," wondering what he had in mind for gay health.

The medical community had always learned off the gay community. Some bigoted investigators even privately referred to gays laughingly as the "giddy pigs" of the medical community. The hepatitis-B vaccine had only been possible because of gay men's willingness to serve as test volunteers.

Their blood was teaching medical investigators much about viruses in general. One such virus was cytomegalovirus, ubiquitous in the gay community. CMV had long been found incorporated in the DNA of a rare cancer called Kaposi's Sarcoma and was known to be a potent suppressor of the immune system.

Mostly, CMV was a benign type of virus that left the victim feeling tired for a few weeks, as if he had mononucleosis. But it had long been thought that possibly viruses caused cancer. Even President Nixon had badly wanted to prove this and be remembered as "the President who cured cancer."

PROJECT DELTA, Haiti—Hustlers on the beaches of Haiti felt the ripples of the poor U.S. economy. So, when the American doctor in the expensive business suit offered Creole Charlie $100 to participate in "vaccine trials" at the U.S. Public Health Clinic, he agreed.

Creole Charlie's friends called him C.C. But lately, they changed it to G.C., because it seemed like he was always catching the clap, and the tetracycline capsules he could get from the pharmacy didn't work all that well anymore. The doctor had given Charlie another name—Johnny Appleseed. Charlie guessed it was because of the apple he was eating when the doctor had met him on the beach.

The Haitian hustlers all knew Americans had the best medicines. Their shots seemed especially good for the *enfermedades venereas* that they caught from their gringo tricks.

Charlie's arm was still sore from the shot later that week when he walked away from the office of the U.S. Public Healt Department in the new building jus constructed that year for the Agency for International Development, Sudamerica AIDS had its beginnings in Haiti.

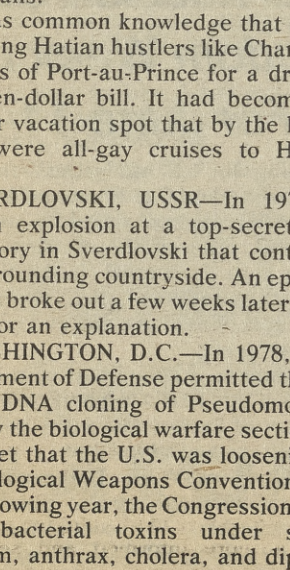
They were all such nice people, Charlie thought as he walked back to the beach. Especially *El Jefe*, who had used the nice big office behind the door marked Project Delta He himself had closed the door and tolc Charlie, just as he had hoped, that this was a new kind of penicillin for trial.

The doctor had unlocked his black leathe bag and drew out the contents of the bottl himself. You could tell it was expensive stuff because it was inside a special metal cylinde with red labels all over.

Creole Charlie was feeling good about th day, especially with $100 in his pocket, and i was going to get better: a whole shipload o New York gays was just steaming into th harbor. Good for business, and he should d them before the shot wore off.

Epilogue: Medical science fiction? Th following parts are true: Delta agent, Dr Koop and his quote, the information on CMV the African Swine Fever epidemic, and th part on biological warfare. The last sectio can't be proved because Creole Charlie die of Kaposi's Sarcoma last year.★

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Local Dignity Chapter Will Celebrate 8 Years Of Service To Lesbian And Gay Catholics

Dignity/Sacramento has set Saturday, June 4 as the date for its 8th Anniversary party. The celebration is to be held at St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, 26th and K streets.

The evening will begin at 6:30 with Mass in the church. After the Mass, a no-host social hour will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall. Dinner, for which reservations will be required, will be served at 8:30. A dance will begin at 9:30.

To make reservations for the social hour and dinner, send a $6 donation to Dignity/Sacramento, P.O. Box 161765, Sacramento 95816. Admission to the dance only will be by $3 donation at the door.

Throughout the evening, door prizes donated by members and friends of Dignity will be given to lucky ticket holders.

At its May 8 meeting, Dignity announced the formation of several committees to plan and coordinate the local chapter's activities. Among these are Spiritual Development, Social, Education and Outreach.

Women's Night for Dignity is held on th third Sunday of every month in a privat home. It provides social and spiritual inter action for women, Catholic or not, who ar seeking a new spiritual dimension in the lives.

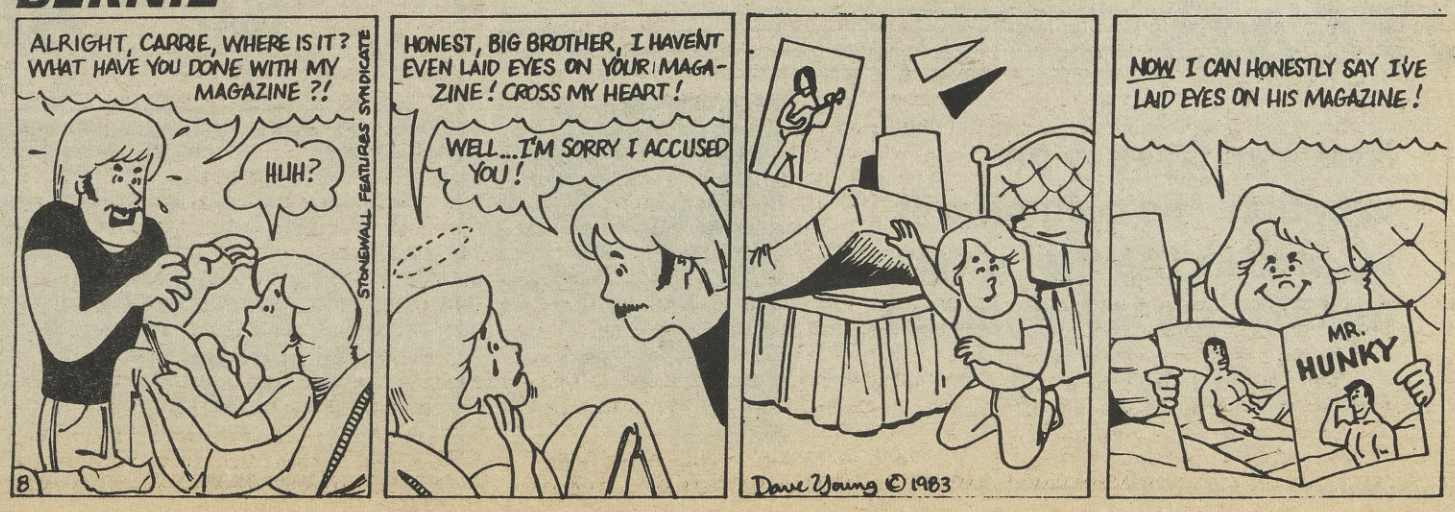
On June 12, the regular monthly Mass an meeting will be held in the side chapel of St Francis Church at 3 p.m. Tentative plans ar for representatives of Parents and Friends c Lesbians and Gays to discuss that or ganization.

On July 10, the Mass will also b celebrated at 3 p.m. in the side chapel Instead of a formal meeting, a picnic wi follow in a nearby park.

Also in July, the local group plans to joi Dignity/Central Valley in Fresno for the thir annual "Christmas in July" festival. Thi event is set for Sunday, July 24, at CSI Fresno, and will include food and drink entertainment, and fund-raising booths.

For more information about Dignity and it activities, call 929-5495.★

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ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner For $20

By RICK RUMAN

Just what kind of dinner does $20 per person (including tax and tip and maybe a bottle of wine) buy these days? The answer: It varies.

SAN FRANCISCO: SNOW PEAS

Half a block off Castro on 18th, next door to the cluttered decor and cuisine de microwave of Duo, and up some steps beneath a green canopy is **Snow Peas** (4072 18th Street). Inside, the decor is interesting: palms, mirrors, art deco furnishings and erotic water colors.

We arrive without reservations. "Three?" asks the large man with the small moustache, rising up ever so slightly on his toes, but not, disappointingly, clicking his heels on the way back down. He lifts three menus from the reservations desk and waves us grandly to a table directly in the line of traffic from the kitchen. "It's like I've been waiting for you," he purrs.

Refreshingly, although many of the diners are casually clad (the patrons are a healthy mix of Castro Clones in the ubiquitous Levis 501 jeans and plaid or polo shirts and more elegantly dressed straight couples) the waiters are not wearing whatever they found newly washed in their closets this morning. Instead, all are attired in dark slacks, white shirts and dark bow ties.

Unfortunately, their movements from the kitchen to the tables are not nearly so restrained. Some very nearly execute a jete as they move back and forth from dining room to kitchen. Yet, at the same time, the service is not particularly attentive.

The food, however, is quite good. Dinner begins with soup, a curiously sweet mixture with bits of what appeared to be spinach, served at just the right temperature—not so hot as to burn the tongue at the first sip and thereby ruin the rest of the meal. The salad which followed was small but satisfying with a sweet, rather vinegary dressing containing just a hint of mustard.

The entree, Chicken Regale, half a chicken soaked in port and topped with straw mushrooms and served with asparagus and rice, arrived with a snow pea tucked under its little broiled wing. (This was just a bit too cute I thought.) Nonetheless, the chicken was cooked just done, still juicy but not pink around the bones, and retained just the right reminder of the port in which it had been soaked. The addition of an inch-thick slice of potato, dry and over seasoned, seem pointless.

My companions, who had Lemon Breast of Chicken and Rock Cod in a Shiitake mushroom sauce, pronounced their choices very good as well.

Desserts were presented and described at our table. The two of us who ordered the Amaretto Mousse pie were somewhat disappointed. It consisted mainly of whipped cream (or perhaps some topping mix) over which someone had briefly passed the Amaretto bottle. At $3 per slice it was overpriced.

One other minor flaw: when I ordered decaffeinated coffee (priced, as is the regular coffee at 90 cents) I received instant Sanka.

The wine list was fairly extensive, with many listings from California's "boutique" wineries at inflated prices. We settled on the house Chardonnay at $7.95 a bottle; it was clean, dry and eminently drinkable.

SAN FRANCISCO: IRONWOOD CAFE

Over in the Cole Valley, the **Ironwood Cafe** (901 Cole Street) is doing a brisk business and justifiably. We had reservations this time, and when we arrived promptly at 8:15 we were immediately ushered to our table.

The restaurant is housed in what may have once been a hardware or variety store. The high-backed wooden chairs that are part of the Victorian decor looked forbidding and perhaps designed to improve turnover, but proved to be quite comfortable.

The restaurant is large and busy without being noisy. The service was efficient and waiters and waitresses moved about the room quickly without giving a sense of urgency, which can be bothersome.

I ordered the bass in sorrel cream sauce. The generous filet was moist, flaky and without a single bone. The sauce, very light

Snow Peas

IRONWOOD CAFE

for a cream sauce, was generously applied.

My companion, a fancier of salmon, selected that. Although it was billed as Teriyaki Salmon on the menu, it was prepared with lemon and butter on request without protest or delay.

When desserts were presented, he ordered the poppyseed cake and I the gingerbread with a healthy dollop of whipped cream. Both were quite good.

The wine list is exemplary, featuring a good selection of California vintners and varietals, with tasting notes for each one and a range of prices from moderate to costly within each varietal. In addition, several excellent choices were available in half bottles. A Jekel Johannisberg Reisling, full and fruity but not sweet, nicely complemented the salmon.

SACRAMENTO: WULFF'S

Back in Sacramento, a $20 meal is a bit more of an occasion. At Wulff's (2333 Fair Oaks Boulevard), blue blazers abound. Jackets and ties are the rule rather than the exception for men. However, we encountered no trouble when we arrived dressed more casually than the rest of the patrons.

Feeling adventurous this time out, I tried the rabbit, and was not disappointed. Prepared in white wine, it lacked that acrid gamey tasty near the bone which can easily spoil a rabbit dish.

My companion opted for the Coquilles St. Jaques (scallops) and was very pleased.

Curiously, desserts are not presented at the table here. Playing it safe, we each chose the cheesecake, which turned out to be very good. ★

Judge May Be Sacked, Now Is Ready To Live Mature Gay Life

A veteran judge in St. Paul, Minn., who pleaded guilty a year ago to hiring young men for sex, now faces a disciplinary hearing by his colleagues that could lead to his removal from the benth. The Associated Press recently.

Judge Crane Winton, 56, on the basis of his guilty plea to misdemeanor charges, has gone before a three-judge panel convened by the state Board on Judicial Responsibility, which reviews evidence of unprofessional or unethical conduct by judges.

The panel will recommend to the board what punishment, if any, should be given Winton. The board will make a recommendation to the Minnesota Supreme Court, which can impose discipline ranging from censure to removal from the bench.

A lawyer at the hearing asked Winton whether he would again engage in homosexual relations, even though anal and oral sex are illegal under Minnesota law.

"That's a difficult question. I don't know," Winton replied. "My life has changed. What I used to do furtively...has all changed."

"I suppose if I met a suitable person who wants a relationship that involved sexual acts, I'd probably do so. But it would be done in private, behind closed doors, in such a manner that won't bring disrepute to the bench.

Winton, a municipal and district judge for nearly 21 years, testified that he had 15 to 20 sexual encounters in the last eight years. He said he met men, usually in their late teens or early 20s, in Loring Park in Minneapolis, and paid about half of them for sex.

He said he brought the men home and usually had a drink or conversation with them before engaging in sex. Some would drop by later for non-sexual visits, Winton said.

Winton and Peter Thompson, one of three lawyers representing him, asserted that the judge's sexual past had not affected his court decisions.

"Today he can accept his homosexuality," Thompson said. "He can admit that he paid for prostitutes, that what he did was wrong. He has a clarity in his life to set new boundaries.

"He's willing to live his life as a mature, responsible, homosexual adult. "That does include satisfying adult relationships — intellectually, sexually, emotionally — with men. That's not a a decision that brings disrepute on the judiciary."

Mark Haley testified that he had sex with Winton once and visited him several times afterwards.

"We'd have drinks, talk. He was like a father figure to me," Haley said. "He was always a gentleman." ★

Local Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week Is Set For June 11-18

"Coming Out '83" will be the theme of this year's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week celebration in Sacramento, slated for June 11-18.

The week will include workshops and will conclude with the annual Freedom Parade. This year's parade will circle the Lavendar Heights area of midtown and end with a rally and street dance.

According to a committee spokesperson, the focus of this year's celebration will be the emergence of Sacramento's gay and lesbian community as a visable force.

The Freedom Week Committee needs volunteers and donations to put the celebration together. The committee can be reached by calling 381-3115, or writing P.O. Box 160696, Sacramento, CA 95816. ★

Duane Lowe, Homophobic Ex-Sheriff, Is Given State Job By Deukmejian

Former Sacramento County Sheriff Duane Lowe was appointed chief investigator of the state Department of Consumer Affairs on May 10 by Gov. George Deukmejian.

Lowe will be paid nearly $50,000 a year. The job is to be removed from civil service status and will not require Senate confirmation.

In his new post, Lowe will oversee the investigation division that is responsible for following up complaints of suspected fraudulent and unethical professional and business practices.

The unit is charged with investigating charges filed by various consumer boards and commissions including the Board of Medical Quality Assurance. The agencies include those that regulate auto mechanics, collection and private detection agencies, cosmetologists, barbers, nurses and other occupations.

Several local gay leaders have expressed concern that Lowe may not enforce the law uniformly when it comes to gays and other minority groups.

As sheriff, Lowe made frequent homophobic and racist comments. His narrow defeat to Robbie Waters in November was credited to organized efforts by the gay community.

Lowe, who supported Deukmejian in November, has been lobbying for a position in the new governor's administration.

Lowe has not worked since leaving office Jan. 3. ★

ITEMS

Rick Van Dyke is on vacation. His column will resume in The Star's 1st Anniversary issue, June 1.



Rick Van Dyke

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 18

★ The STAR is published.

★ Lesbian/Gay Rap Group. Sacramento City College, room RS-721. Noon.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. LaSemilla, 312 20th St. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, May 19

★ Volleyball for men and women. $2. 7-11 p.m. Call Paul for information, 447-1065.

Friday, May 20

★ American Indian Art Show. Opening Night auction and reception. Benefit for Indian Health Scholarship Fund. $10. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Ave. 7-10 p.m.

★ Show Opening. Photos by Rebecca Gregg, drawings by Lyn Zarick.Earhart's Cafe, 1905 16th St. 7-9 p.m. Show through May 27.

Saturday, May 21

★ AB1 Seminar sponsored by Assemblyman Art Agnos. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Room 4202, State Capitol. Register in advance: Assemblyman Art Agnos, 1064 State Building, 350 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

★ Hope: Resources for Cancer. American Cancer Society, 915 20th St. 446-7933. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

★ American Indian Art Show. Benefit for Indian Health Scholarship Fund. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Ave.

Sunday, May 22

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Central Valley Gay Softball League. Wreck Room vs Express, Parking Lot vs Brave Bull. Fresno. Noon.

★ River City Democratic Club Get-Acquainted/Fund-raiser. Mayoral candidates and leaders of other Democratic clubs invited. $5. 5891 Camellia Ave. 2 p.m.

★ The Sacramento Star staff meeting. All people interested in working on The Star are invited to attend. Call James, 442-8683, or Tim, 454-0106, for more information.

★ American Indian Art Show. Benefit for Indian Health Scholarship Fund. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Ave.

★ An Afternoon of Beer and Ballet. Capitol City Ballet. $3. Sierra II, 2791 24th St. 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 23

★ River City Business Association Board of Directors. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ American Indian Art Show. Benefit for Indian Health Scholarship Fund. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut Ave.

Tuesday, May 24

★ Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

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Wednesday, May 25

★ Deadline for The STAR

★ Lesbian/Gay Rap Group. Sacramento City College, room RS-721. Noon.

★ Sacramento KS/AIDS Foundation board meeting. Public welcome. 2115 J Street, Suite 3. 7 p.m.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, May 26

★ Volleyball for men and women. $2. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-11 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Sunday, May 29

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Mental Health Professionals. Board meeting 6 p.m. Call 447-2282 for place.

Monday, May 30

★ Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 31

★ Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, June 1

★ The STAR is published.

★ Lesbian/Gay Rap Group. Sacramento City College, room RS-721. Noon.

★ Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Marty Rogers, Ph.D. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

★ AIDS Forum for religious workers. Sponsored by SHANTI Project. $15 registration. 890 Hayes St., San Francisco. (415) 558-9644. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

★ Volleyball for men and women. $2. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-11 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ First meeting. Support Group for Gay Men led by Bruce Gunn and Ed Hall. $90 for six weeks. Call Bruce, 443-7171, or Ed, 484-1212. Send checks to Ed Hall, 2222 Watt Ave., Suite B14, 95825.

Friday, June 3

★ "Frontline" by Pam Schaffer. Opening night with Pat Bond. Benefit for N.O.W. and Sacramento Women's Center. $6-$9. Advance tickets at Tower and Lioness. Also at the door. 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

★ Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association Flea Market. Sierra II, 2440 4th Ave. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ River City Democratic Club meeting. 2:30 p.m.

★ Our River City Family potluck. Call Rob, 962-3083, or Paul, 447-1065, for place. 7 p.m.

★ "Frontline" by Pam Schaffer. $5-$7. Advance tickets at Tower and Lioness. Also at the door. 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 5

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Central Valley Gay Softball League. Parking Lot vs Express, Wreck Room vs Brave Bull. 21st & C St. Noon.

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Monday, June 6

★ GNIE Bingo. Mercantile Saloon. 8 p.m.

★ River City Business Association. General meeting open to the public. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m.

★ Our River City Family council. 8 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for place.

Tuesday, June 7

★ Capital City Squares. The Power Plant. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. Room 255. 7 p.m.

★ GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

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Thursday, June 9

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Friday, June 10

★ "Frontline" by Pam Schaffer. $5-$7. Advance tickets at Tower and Lioness. Also at the door. 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 8:15 p.m.

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River City Demos Host Social May 22

The River City Democratic Club will hold its first social at the home of the club president, Ronn Farland, on Sunday, May 22, 1983, beginning at 2 p.m. The address is 5891 Camellia Ave. A $5 donation will be asked at the door.

Chartered in April by the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee, the River City Democratic Club was formed to encourage gays and lesbians to participate in the mainstream of Democratic politics.

This first social event is chiefly intended to be an opportunity for club members, prospective members and supporters to get better acquainted.

Invitations have been sent to members of the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, and area Assembly and Senate members, and all candidates for Mayor and the City Council.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 381-3115. ⋆

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